



# BLUE COLLAR ADVOCATE

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*“Going To Work Should Not Be A Grave Mistake!”*

## THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

### USMWF’S WEEK IN REVIEW...



Senator Deb Fischer and Deputy Director Tonya Ford

This has been a very busy week for USMWF. We were so proud, over 20 of our family members wrote their loved ones stories, the citations that were assessed by OSHA and how their lives have forever been affected. Their stories were delivered to each of their Representatives in DC asking them to take a moment to hear their story and how the OSHA fines were decreased after there was a workplace fatality and how the family each day struggles with their loss. For a company our loved ones are replaced by another worker.....for a family our loved ones are irreplaceable.

It is time to find away that we all can work together . Going to work should not be a grave mistakes and at the same time there is away that we can build this great nation successfully together.

Also, we were excited to participate with other safety organizations in making workplaces safe for all workers. We have so much more to do.

## USMWF’S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK!!!



### Glen Steven Rackley, 51

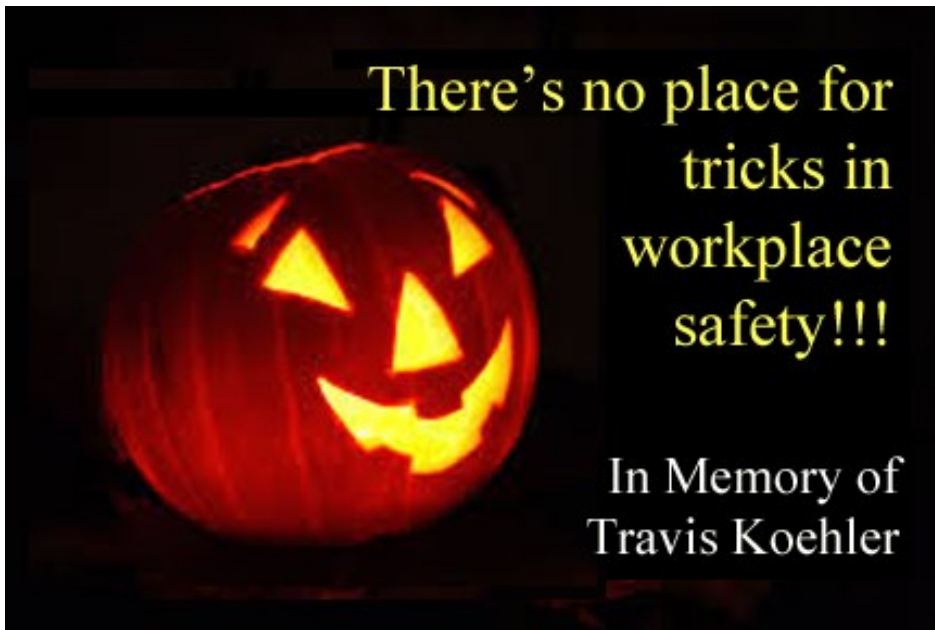
Glenn was killed in November 2011 while working for Danco Construction in Evansville, Indiana. He died after falling six feet from a scissor lift.

IOSHA investigated the incident and proposed a \$14,700.00 penalty for six serious violations. In an informal settlement the penalty was reduced to \$6,000.00 penalty for four serious violations.

Inspection: 315677120 - Danco Construction Inc.

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# LIGHT YOUR PUMPKIN!!!!



USMWF Invites you to light a pumpkin for a donation of \$10 in honor of your loved one or a fallen worker on our Facebook page through the month of October.

Go to.... <http://www.usmwf.org/catalog.html> and light your candle today.

## WHATS IN THE NEWS?

### **Worker killed after fall from ladder identified**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. —

A worker died after falling at a construction site Sunday morning in Charlotte's South End neighborhood, paramedics said.

According to a police report, James Leece slipped off a ladder on a balcony just before 9 a.m. at a 5-story building at Camden Road and West Kingston Avenue, officials said.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police said the fall was being treated as an accident.

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### **Little Rock man killed in forklift accident on job**

A 28-year-old Little Rock man died Monday night while operating a forklift at work, police said.

Christopher Miller was killed after he fell underneath a forklift he was using to load cargo into a truck at R+L Carriers, 8606 Mabelvale Pike in Little Rock, about 7:10 p.m. Monday, according to a report.

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### **Worker killed at Nickel Rim South mine in Sudbury**

A worker at Glencore's Nickel Rim South mine in Sudbury was killed sometime Tuesday morning.

The Ministry of Labour said the worker was struck by a piece of equipment while underground.

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# USMWF NEEDS YOUR HELP !!!!

Dear USMWF Family and Friends;

USMWF wishes funding was never an issue to our organization and we wish our love and support could continue without the financial means however, to complete our mission and to continue receiving our support from other organizations our goal must be reached.

**To continue our great work, USMWF needs \$30,000.00 by November 1, 2015.**

We are asking a lot from you all and we understand that not everyone can give a financial donation. However, please share our gofundme page on your social media pages and help us get the word out so we can reach our goal.

This organization means so much to so many families and friends across the United States and our job is far from done.

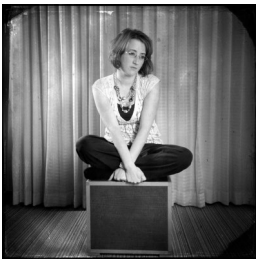
Please don't let our dedication and stories end here.

By [clicking here](#) you can easily make any donation and help out an amazing donation, hundreds of families across the U.S. and you.

To find out more about USMWF please visit our site at [www.usmwf.org](http://www.usmwf.org)

Together we can make a difference and thank you in advance for your donation.

Sincerely,



Tonya Ford  
Deputy Director of USMWF  
Photo by David Y. Lee

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**THANK YOU!!!!**



USMWF strives to protect our workers and honor and remember the hard working men and women that we have lost due to work related incidents.

Photos taken by David Y. Lee.



## GRAIN MILL ACCIDENT PAGE

USMWF Sister Site

To find up-to-date incidents and safety concerns in the grain/farm industry follow and like USMWF's sister site Grain Mill Accident Facebook page by [clicking here](#).



### Family Testimony

When I lost my son, Zach in 2013 I was contacted by Mr. Wally and told about USMWF. The people are wonderful and understand what you are going through. Through them I have talked to and stay in touch with other families and they help and I hope I help as well. Thank you all!

- Linda Clanton McCardle

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GRAIN MILL ACCIDENTS:

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## Nominate USMWF

Go to this website:

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Just enter your first/last name The Organization is: United Support Memorial for Workplace Fatalities (USMWF ORG Inc)

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Organization's Email is: [support@usmwf.org](mailto:support@usmwf.org)

Organization's Phone is: 4 02.326.3107

## Three Things to Know about OSHA's New Rule for Confined Space Entry

In a to protect construction employees who are working in confined spaces, OSHA issued Subpart AA of 29 CFR 1926. Find out what confined spaces in construction are all about, along with other fast facts about the updated standard

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## Ashley to Challenge OSHA Citations

ARCADIA, Wis.-Ashley Furniture Industries said it will "vigorously challenge" citations by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration stemming from an OSHA inspection of the company's upholstery factory in Whitehall, Wis.

On Oct. 19, OSHA issued one willful, five repeated and two serious citations to Ashley for failing to put in place procedures to prevent machines from unintentional start-up when operators changed blades, cleaned machines and cleared jams, thus exposing workers to dangerous machine operating parts.

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